



East Kilbride South Parish Church of Scotland

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Contacting the Church: Rev. Calum Stark of Avendale and Drumclog Parish Church is our Interim Moderator. If anyone needs the services of a minister, they should contact our Session Clerk, Fiona McEwan, in the first instance. Her contact details are above.

Church Services: As the church building has been closed, members are encouraged to attend the Claremont Parish Church service at 10.30am or the Mossneuk Parish Church service at 10.00am.

Anyone unable to attend in person can access the Claremont service online on their website - <https://www.claremontparishchurch.co.uk/>. Just below the welcome banner there is a tab with *Live Stream*. Simply click on that to access the service.

Offerings / Free Will Offering Envelopes: Please note that there are no Free Will Offering envelopes for this year. Anyone attending Claremont and Mossneuk should put their offering in an envelope marked 'South Parish' in the box and add the FWO number if possible. These will be passed on to our treasurer to help pay for our on-going expenses.

EK Community Foodbank & Café: The Foodbank and Café are now based at St. Mark's Church on Thursdays from 11.00am - 12.00 (noon).

Building Update: At the meeting of the Kirk Session on Monday, 29th June we were informed that the current insurance was being downgraded to a "debris removal only" policy (this policy only covers the demolition of the building should a significant event occur) and that the Church buildings and contents will no longer be insured for reinstatement/replacement. This means that all contents and equipment, including those belonging to the organisations, have to be removed from the building by 31st August at the latest. Until these contents are removed even our downgraded insurance is compromised. Should an event occur, such as a fire, the insurance may not pay-out due to the fact that there are contents still in the building (which is a breach of the downgraded insurance policy).

Please note that the Manse still remains fully insured.

Andrew Brown, the property convener, has completed a draft photographic inventory of the Church's contents for discussion. The inventory identifies items and is colour-coded into green (to be retained), amber (donated to others or disposed of) and red (to be disposed of).

There will be a meeting for all church members in Claremont Church on Wednesday 7th August at 7.30pm to review, discuss and finalise this inventory of contents and make plans for clearing the contents in the building.

With regards the closure and sale of the property, it was confirmed to Presbytery at the Kirk Session meeting last Monday that the buildings had to be closed officially. Presbytery accepted this decision and will take it to their next Presbytery meeting (to be held on Saturday 31st August) to ratify this decision. Thereafter, Presbytery will advise the Church of Scotland General Trustees of our decision and it is hoped that this will be raised and accepted/passed by the Trustees at their next meeting on Saturday 14th September. This should then permit the General Trustees to put in place the process for the sale of the premises.

Bible Study: The South Parish Bible Study group will meet for a social evening on Wednesday 14th August. Please speak to Ishbel or Claire for further details.

The regular Bible Study sessions will recommence on Wednesday 21st August at 7.00pm in the Primrose Room at Claremont. For the first couple of weeks we'll be looking at the early church and its mission. We welcome anyone who wants to come and share in our conversations, or just to pop in to see what we do, to join us on any Wednesday evening.

Bible Readings

Today	Psalm 147	Thursday	Judges 6: 25-40
Monday	Judges 2: 6-23	Friday	Judges 7: 1-15
Tuesday	Judges 4: 1-24	Saturday	Judges 7: 16-24
Wednesday	Judges 6: 1-24	Sunday	Psalm 148

You can access an online guide to the readings at

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/wordlive>

“It has been a wonderful experience to compete in the Olympic Games and to bring home a gold medal. But since I have been a young lad, I have had my eyes on a different prize. You see, each one of us is in a greater race than any I have run in Paris, and this race ends when God gives out the medals.”

Eric Liddell

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